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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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1.	<ol> <li>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</li> </ol>						
	This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:						
		international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))					
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Box No. V		Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to noverty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)		Claims	1-4	. YES	
			Claims		NO NO	
	Inven	tive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES	
			Claims		NO NO	
	Indus	trial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES	
			Claims		МО	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document cited in the International Search report:

## 1. EP 1179393 A1

The cited document represents the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-4 is not disclosed by this document.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed locking means for an over-centre fastener. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-4 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.